

Here and There
in the Legislature

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The debt of this State embraced in the pledge of the faith of Virginia for the redemption of the principal sum of money due by certain bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, according to an act passed in 1847, in the purpose of a bill yesterday introduced by request by Senator Ward.

Millage coupons will be good on trains if Senator Hobbs' bill, introduced yesterday, is passed. It provides that any contract in violation of this principle is to be void, and that for refusal to give passage on such coupons the party proffering the coupons shall have a right of action against the company.

Submission of the question of granting licenses to manufacture ardent spirits to the qualified voters of counties, corporations and magisterial districts is proposed in a bill drawn by Senator Ward. The people up in his district are extremely anxious to be forever rid of distilleries, and this bill will help them and others who need the same remedy.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway is to be the subject of some discussion at this session of the General Assembly. Yesterday an amendment was tacked on to the Carter Sunday railroad bill, with the avowed purpose of getting after this corporation, and now Senators Folkes and Strode are persons of a measure that is just as likely to strike the railroad named as any other. It is said the bill requires all railroad companies which charter require them to take up or set down passengers to fulfill the terms of such charter. Failure to let passengers on or off will cost the company \$1,000 the first time and \$2,000 every time after that. Any grievance arising out of a violation of the proposed law is to be heard by the State Corporation Commission, and power to adjust the difficulty is given to that body.

Shipment of liquor from wet counties to dry localities has been the source of much criticism from both sides of the prohibition question. Yesterday Senator Owens sent to the clerk's desk a bill authorizing the Councils of cities and towns and the supervisors of counties in which no license to sell ardent spirits is granted to prevent the introduction into their limits of liquor. Express companies, common carriers and other persons violating the law are to be heavily punished.

Another amendment to the Constitution was submitted yesterday by Senator Halsey, at the request of one of the most prominent students of municipal reform in the State. It relates to the taxation for improvements of persons whose property abuts on sidewalks.

Yesterday was the last opportunity to present bills, and a large number went to the desk, running up the final score to 428 bills, almost a hundred less than last session.

Conference with a committee of the Maryland Legislature on the matters in dispute relative to oysters and fish in the Potomac River is likely to be had by a joint committee of the General Assembly. The Senate Fish and Game Committee will probably report the bill favorably.

Hearing on the Parks bill requiring six months experience and at least nineteen years of age for railway telegraphers, telephone and signal men, was had yesterday before the Senate Committee on General Laws.

Attorney Buchanan fought the bill in behalf of the railroads, claiming that it was a measure for the self-protection of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. Attorney S. L. Kelley and A. O. Boschen advocated the bill on the ground that it would further the public safety.

With minor amendments, the bill was favorably reported.

In lieu of the general pure food bill, which Mr. Fitzhugh had not time to prepare for introduction at this session.

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tion of the Legislature, the member from Northampton, collaborating with Mr. Myers, introduced in the House yesterday a bill applying to cold storage food products, as a preliminary to a more general measure two years hence.

In this bill it is provided that after June 1, 1910, all food products placed in cold storage shall be marked with a label showing the date on which they were placed in such storage and the date on which they were taken therefrom.

Every kind of food offered for sale which has been in cold storage must be plainly marked by signs of black letters one inch square on a white background. "Taken from cold storage," The Dairy and Food Commissioner may publish such information about foods as he may think proper. Failure to mark the food or to make the reports required is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

Mr. Williams, of Giles, introduced on the House side the bill allowing boards of supervisors of counties or councils of cities to prohibit the bringing into their communities, if dry, or intoxicating liquors. Of course such bodies could not legislate against interstate shipments, but the bill is intended to give them the opportunity to prevent, if they so desire, the introduction of liquors from other points in the State.

This sort of course was followed a year or two ago by several towns in the Southwest, by ordinance of council. The matter was tested by law, the courts holding that there existed no law allowing councils to prevent such importation. The Williams bill is designed to permit local bodies to act, if desired, so far as intrastate shipments are concerned.

heretofore such shows have taken advantage of crowds gathered by the fair and have injured the attendance of these local institutions.

Efforts were vainly made yesterday morning to secure an important amendment to the bill allowing damages for mental anguish for delay in delivering telegraph messages, whether there are paid, whether they are not. It was insisted that damages for mental anguish ought to be allowed to members and newspaper reporters who are compelled to listen to the arguments before committees.

Colonel John S. Harwood, through whose active work the hotel bill was so successfully pushed through the House, has been constantly bombarded by letters and telegrams from the traveling men of the State inquiring as to the fate of the measure. He was most happy last night to be able to give the 4,200 drummers of Virginia the joyful assurance that the biggest end of the work in connection with the bill has been successfully done.

Employers are prevented from coercing their employees to trade at certain stores or to live at a certain boarding house, in a bill offered in the House yesterday by Mr. Deal. For violation of the act a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 is provided.

Mr. Powers wants to know why the penitentiary farm loses money. He introduced in the House yesterday a resolution setting forth that, whereas that institution is operated at a loss to the State, an inquiry shall be made into conditions and reasons, if any, which cause it to be unable to meet its legitimate expenses and to be operated on a substantial basis.

A new sort of military, to be known as the "Virginia Rifles," is proposed in a bill offered in the House yesterday by Mr. Sydnor. This organization would be under the direction of the Governor, but not of the Adjutant General. The proposition is said to

have the endorsement of the military people.

It is proposed to have a company of "Rifles" in every county in the State. They would be drilled in military tactics, but would not be liable to active service unless a situation should arise which could not be coped with by the Virginia Volunteers or National Guard. They could, however, aid in cases of local outbreaks.

Barber shops are to be operated under a set of rules provided by the State Board of Health, in a bill introduced in the House by Mr. Noland.

A retired list of State officers who were Confederate soldiers is provided in a bill proposed by Mr. Stubbs. It sets forth that every officer who was a Confederate, and who has served the State for twenty-five years continuously, may be placed, at his own request, upon a retired list at a pay of one-half the amount he was drawing at the time of his retirement. This applies to Judges. Mr. Stubbs says there are but few men in the State who would be affected.

Comes Mr. Coleman and takes a fall out of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. He offered a bill yesterday making all companies comply with the provisions of their charters, whenever such charters require them to take on or let off passengers at any point. The only railroad which this would reach is the unfortunate Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac. Provision is made in the bill for signals to stop the trains.

City Attorney Henry R. Pollard, representing the city of Richmond, appeared yesterday morning before the House Committee for Courts of Justice and objected strenuously to the Johnston bill requiring all fines collected by local officials, in cases where a State law requires punishment, to be paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth. Mr. Pollard called attention to the fact that the city pays large amounts each year to aid the support of the military, which may be called upon to guard the property and lives of citizens in the rural sections. Furthermore, which cities keep on their own streets, which are public highways of the State, a city may be held for the damages in case of accident where negligence is proven, while in the country no damages lie against the local government. In the Richmond Police Court no witnesses are paid, while in the country sometimes very many witnesses are summoned who really know nothing about the case, and are paid by the State. "The heavy criminal expenses of many of our counties," said Mr. Pollard, "are often caused by abuse of trials for misdemeanor."

Mr. Johnston inquired if the city of Richmond does not draw a large sum from the State. Mr. Pollard replied that this was for State prisoners, the jailer being required to keep a separate account.

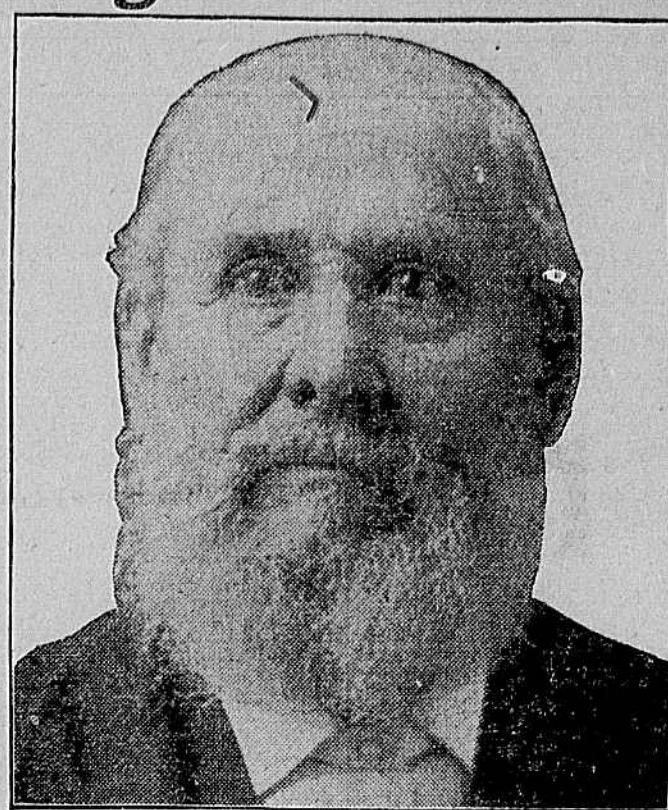
Only 5 per cent. of the taxes Richmond pays to the State, asserted Mr. Pollard, come back to her for criminal expenses, which is a smaller proportion than is the case in any county in the State. Some of the counties get back 50 per cent. in criminal expenses.

The bill was referred to a subcommittee composed of Messrs. White, Evans and Yarrell, who are to confer with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

The House Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation stuck to the principle of discouraging toll roads yesterday, when it reported unfavorably Senator Fletcher's bill regarding the road law of Fauquier county. The House later reversed the judgment of this committee on this subject, in connection with the Augusta road matter.

Of all the counties whose road laws are being changed, Russell county takes the cake. Mr. Johnson, of that county, is determined to simplify matters, so he had a whole handful of bills repealing all the former road laws save one, so that everybody may

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to be placed on all cars, boats or wagons handling the oil.

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Albert Kilpatrick, of 420 Bacon Street, dropped dead at his home yesterday evening. The body was viewed by Coroner Taylor, who decided that death was due to natural causes, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

MAJOR FRENCH DIES IN FLORIDA

Major Seth Barton French, a native of Fredericksburg, Va., and for a number of years a well-known banker and broker of New York City, died on Thursday last in Miami Beach, Fla. Interment will take place in the family section in the Fredericksburg burying-ground this afternoon.

Major French served with distinction in the Confederate Army. After the war he entered the grain and milling business in Richmond as the partner of Lewis D. Cranshaw. Later he moved to New Orleans, and from there to New York City, where he established a reputation as a conservative banker, broker and dealer in cotton. His first wife was Miss Ellen Mercer Herndon, of Fredericksburg, who died about twenty years ago. About ten years prior to his wife's death Major French erected a handsome memorial chapel in memory of his oldest daughter, Miss Maggie French, who died suddenly in New York. The building, which is used by the Presbyterian denomination, was at the time of its erection said to be the handsomest church building in Virginia.

Unusually handsome stained glass windows have been placed in the chapel in memory of Miss Maggie French, Judge and Mrs. John M. Herndon, of Fredericksburg, and of Mr. French.

Some years ago Major French married Miss Mary Walker Fern, of New Orleans and Richmond, who survives him with one son, William Barton French, aged fourteen, and one daughter, Clarice French, aged eleven years. Of the first marriage he is survived by three children—Miss Nannie French, who married Charles M. Steele, partner and legal advisor of J. Pierpont Morgan; Dr. John B. French, of New York, and George E. French, of Portland, Ore.

For some years past he has been the owner of a beautiful cottage on the hills overlooking the Virginia Hot Springs, at which he has spent much of his time, and where many of his friends have been entertained. Prior to his business venture in Richmond Major French was in business in Fredericksburg as senior member of the firm of French & Scott. His removal to New Orleans was in company with J. Temple Dowell, of Fredericksburg. At the time of his death he was a partner in the New York banking and brokerage firm of Van Amberg & Attenbury.

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